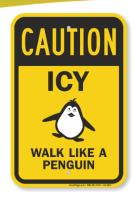


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"Keep your eyes on the stars, but remember to keep your feet on the ground."

-Theodore Roosevelt

Tread Safely This Winter

Slips, trips and falls are one of the leading causes of injury each year for State of Wisconsin employees. Historically, the highest months of injury frequency tends to be during the winter season – November through April. Figure 1 shown below depicts the total number of slip, trip and fall workers compensation claims, by month, over the past five fiscal years. Figure 2 shown below illustrates the total number of slippery surface, ice, water, grease workers compensation claims, by month, over the past five fiscal years.

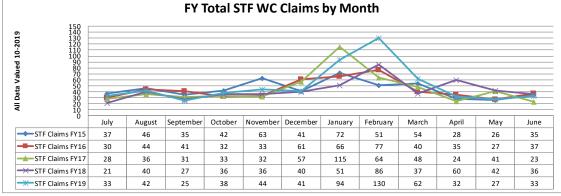


Figure 1

FY Slippery 1540 Cause WC Claims by Month												
All Data Valued 10-2019 All Da	75 76 65 60 55 50 45 40 45 40 25 20 25 20 15											June
Slippery Surface 1540 Claims FY15	4	11	3	10	23	17	36	10	22	0	0	5
Slippery Surface 1540 Claims FY16	1	3	1	10	9	12	21	38	7	4	2	3
Slippery Surface 1540 Claims FY17	7	6	2	1	3	23	64	28	16	2	8	2
Slippery Surface 1540 Claims FY18	7	5	2	3	2	12	23	45	7	27	3	1
Slippery Surface 1540 Claims FY19	3	1	3	6	12	16	47	76	19	4	2	2

Figure 2

Workers Comp

 Claims
 Claims

 FY19 YTD
 FY20 YTD

 978
 866

Lost Time Lost Time

<u>FY19 YTD</u> <u>FY20 YTD</u>

225 192

Consumer Safety

<u>United States Consumer</u> <u>Product Safety Commission</u>

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Wildlife Crossing: AAA Tips to Avoid AnimalVehicle Collisions

(Ctrl click hyperlinked image below to enlarge)

What to Do If an Animal Runs in Front of You In rural and forested regions, wild animals are a serious traffic problem. Here are AAA's tips to reduce the likelihood of being involved in a crash when an animal inadvertently runs in front of your vehicle: Scan the road and shoulders ahead of you. Use high beam headlights if there's no oncoming traffic. If a collision is unavoidable, apply the brakes firmly and remain in your lane. Be extra cautious at dawn and dusk. Drivers should always wear a seat belt and remain awake, alert and sober.

PREVENTING WINTER FALLS

Preparation:

- Plan ahead giving yourself enough time
- Wear appropriate footwear that provides traction
- Limit what you carry to provide better balance

Action:

- Use designated walkways and avoid taking shortcuts
- When walking on steps, always use hand railings and plant feet firmly on each step
- Look out for black ice, especially early morning and in areas shaded from the sun
- Immediately report any unsafe conditions to Buildings and Grounds
- <u>Communicate awareness tips</u> (STF Prevention Manual Ctrl Click Hyperlink):

